

# Aid in Danger

## Monthly News Brief

Insecurity affecting aid workers and aid delivery

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### Security Incidents and Access Constraints

#### Africa

##### Burundi

**05 November 2018:** The Burundian government announced that 25 INGOs who had their registration suspended on 16 September 2018 for not complying with Burundian law, are now re-registered. Meanwhile, the registration of 11 others are still not registered for action. **Source:** [Radio Télévision Nationale du Burundi](#)

##### Cameroon

**23 November 2018:** In Douala city, Wouri department, Littoral region, English-speaking (Anglophone) separatists kidnapped three Claretian missionaries and their driver while they were en route to support victims of the ongoing civil war. On 29 November 2018, the missionaries were released under unspecified circumstances, while the driver continued to be held captive. **Source:** [Vatican News](#)

##### Central African Republic

**31 October - 01 November 2018:** In Batangafo town, Ouham prefecture, armed men looted and burned down three IDP camps, destroying them completely and leaving around 27,000 persons homeless. This incident prompted NGOs to suspend their activities at the IDP sites and forced some 5,000 IDPs to seek refuge in a nearby hospital. **Sources:** [MSE](#), [Reuters](#), [RJDH](#) and [Thomson Reuters Foundation](#)

**15 November 2018 (DOA):** In Alindao town, Basse-Kotto prefecture, the Alindao IDP camp – which houses around 20,000 Christians – was attacked and pillaged by unidentified perpetrators. Sources suggest it was a revenge attack by UPC fighters on the Christian-dominant camp after anti-Balaka fighters had attacked Muslim civilians in the town of Alindo earlier the same day. Between the two violent incidents, 60 people were reported killed. On 21 November 2018, the Central African President blamed MINUSCA for the attack, claiming that no security arrangements were in place. No further details specified. **Sources:** [RJDH \(a\)](#), [RJDH \(b\)](#) and [ACLED](#)

**24 November 2018:** In Gbama village, Haute-Kotto prefecture, two local staff from an INGO were abducted and tortured allegedly by anti-Balaka fighters while providing vaccinations to children in the village. **Source:** [AWS<sup>1</sup>](#)

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**28 November 2018: Update:** Two Anti-Balaka leaders – who kidnapped a French aid worker in 2015 – were sentenced by the Criminal Court to life imprisonment and hard labour. **Source:** [RJDH](#)

### ***Democratic Republic of the Congo***

**11 November 2018 (DOA):** In Fizi territory, South Kivu province, Congolese authorities arrested three men suspected of being Burundian soldiers at Lusenda refugee camp. The men were accused of smuggling themselves into the camp. No further details specified. **Source:** [Media Congo](#)

**11 November 2018:** In Goma city, North Kivu province, the head of a local NGO was reported missing. While some reports suggest she may have been kidnapped, there is no confirmation or further information specified at this time. **Source:** [AWSD<sup>1</sup>](#)

**15 November 2018:** In an unspecified locality, 80 kilometres away from Kalemie town, Tanganyika province, unidentified gunmen attacked and killed two Congolese aid workers from the NGO Food for the Hungry while they were returning to their workplace. **Source:** [Africa No. 1](#)

**16 November 2018:** In Uvira city, South Kivu province, unidentified gunmen ambushed two MSF vehicles that were en route to Baraka Hospital, stealing two cartons of medicine and the phones of the drivers. **Sources:** [Actualite \(a\)](#) and [Actualite \(b\)](#)

**16 November 2018:** In Beni city, North Kivu province, ADF militiamen launched an attack on MONUSCO personnel in close proximity to the Ebola Emergency Operations Centre as well as hotels where many Ebola health workers were staying, killing one Tanzanian and seven Malawian peacekeepers. This incident prompted the suspension of Ebola response activities between 17 and 18 November 2018. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [CNN](#), [RTBF](#) and [VOA News](#)

**16 November 2018:** In Beni city, North Kivu province, a shell from a nearby rebel attack on the MONUSCO base hit a villa occupied by 16 WHO staff but did not explode, prompting the organisation to provisionally evacuate its workers to Goma city. **Sources:** [Al Jazeera](#), [Daily Mail](#), [RTBF](#) and [Stat](#)

**18 November 2018:** In unspecified locations, fighting between government forces and militant groups continued to hamper Ebola response efforts. **Source:** [CNN](#)

**20 November 2018:** In Lulimba town, South Kivu province, unidentified perpetrators broke into an MSF compound and stole unspecified valuable goods. **Source:** [Actualite](#)

**21 November 2018 (DOA):** In Tushunguti village, Kalehe territory, South Kivu province, violent clashes between two Mai-Mai factions forced MSF to temporarily relocate its staff to Numbi village until calm returned. **Source:** [Actualite](#)

### ***Kenya***

**10 November 2018:** In Garissa city and county, more than 10 suspected al Shabaab militants shot at a Red Cross vehicle, seriously injuring a volunteer who was on board. **Sources:** [The Star](#) and [AWSD<sup>1</sup>](#)

**20 November 2018:** In Magarini constituency, Kilifi county, unidentified Somali-speaking gunmen fired indiscriminately at the Chakama Trading Centre before abducting an Italian NGO worker of the NGO Africa Milele Onlus (sources differ as to whether she was an area director or volunteer). Five other people were shot during the attack, which was alleged motivated by the militants demand for money from the local population. **Sources:** [BBC](#), [National Police Service Kenya](#), [Reuters](#) and [The Guardian](#)

## *Mali*

**12 November 2018:** In Gao city, Gao region, a vehicle-borne IED suicide attack left four international UN staff members seriously wounded, two UN peacekeepers dead, and 12 others hospitalised. The attack was allegedly perpetrated by the Group to Support Islam and Muslims, a militant jihadist organisation active in the area. **Source:** [AWS<sup>1</sup>](#)

## *Malawi*

**19 November 2018 (DOA):** The Malawian government proposed an amendment to the NGO Act to transform the NGO Board into a government-appointment regulatory body with the power to fine and de-register non-compliant NGOs. Oxfam claim that this legislation is a way to silence criticism of the government. **Sources:** [Business Live](#) and [Nyasa Times](#)

## *Nigeria*

**04 November 2018:** In Lapai local government area, Niger state, male IDPs at a distribution point became angry that ActionAid was only distributing material goods to women, leading to them throwing rocks at the aid workers and their vehicles. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

**10 November 2018:** In Borno state, Boko Haram militants attacked an informal IDP camp set-up near to Maiduguri, setting homes and tents on fire. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

## *South Africa*

**28 November 2018 (DOA):** The NGO Restless Development was accused of failing to act on complaints made against a male team leader who had allegedly raped a young female volunteer and assaulted another during summer 2017. **Source:** [The Independent](#)

## *South Sudan*

**02 November 2018:** In Koch county, Unity state, a vehicle belonging to an unspecified NGO was ambushed by armed men, leaving two people with gunshot wounds in hospital, one of whom was an NGO national staff member. **Source:** [AWS<sup>1</sup>](#)

**04 November 2018:** In Juba, officials from the South Sudanese army and the main opposition group SPLA-IO agreed to give aid organisations unhindered access to the most vulnerable populations. **Source:** [Sudan Tribune](#)

**19-29 November 2018:** In Rubkona county, Northern Liech state, unidentified perpetrators raped, beat and robbed 125 women and girls over a span of 10 days. The victims were attacked as they walked to reach food distribution centres in the area. The victims also had their food ration cards destroyed by the same perpetrators. **Source:** [MSF](#)

**20 November 2018:** In Hai Loklili residential area, Central Equatoria state, a national NGO contracted driver was attacked by a group of men with machetes and badly wounded. The driver was heading home at the time and was unable to identify the perpetrators. **Source:** [AWS<sup>1</sup>](#)

**22 November 2018:** In Jebel area, Central Equatoria state, IDPs at the UNMISS base on the outskirts of Juba demonstrated over a reduction in their food rations and the lack of food rations over the prior months. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

## *Sudan*

**10 November 2018:** In Agok sector, in the contested zone with South Sudan, a security guard for an INGO was shot when an unidentified gunman ambushed him from behind. The incident is being investigated and

no further details are presently known. **Source:** [AWSD<sup>1</sup>](#)

### **Tanzania**

**19 November 2018:** The Tanzanian government announced its plan to introduce an online system to help NGOs hand in their reports or pay fees, a move intended to reduce bureaucracy. **Source:** [The Citizen](#)

### **Uganda**

**09 November 2018:** In Arua district, Northern region, refugees at the Omugo refugee camp who had recently arrived from South Sudan protested over the lack of food available and ultimately took an unspecified number of aid workers and a police officer hostage. The hostages were all released later on the same day, and nine of the refugees were criminally charged for their actions. **Sources:** [Chimp Reports](#) and [ACLED](#)

**23 November 2018:** In Arua district, Northern region, at least nine refugees protested at the Omugo refugee settlement against the small amount of food given to them. As the protest got out of control, a police officer was attacked. **Source:** [Coastweek](#)

## **Asia**

### **Bangladesh**

**15 November 2018:** In Cox's Bazar city and district, Chittagong division, hundreds of Rohingyas held a demonstration at the Unchiprang Rohingya refugee camp against their planned repatriation from Bangladesh to Myanmar. **Source:** [The Straits Times](#)

**26 November 2018:** In Cox's Bazar city and district, Chittagong division, hundreds of Rohingyas began a three-day protest at the refugee camps of Chakmarkhool, Samlapur, Jadimora and Kutupalong, demanding that Bangladesh specifies their ethnicity on their smart card, and calling upon aid organisations to stop sharing their information with Myanmar. Rohingyas employed by NGOs also abstained from work to participate in the protest. **Source:** [New Age Bangladesh](#)

### **Cambodia**

**27 November 2018:** Upon the instruction of the Cambodian government and in accordance with a previously-issued policy, registered NGOs are now allowed to conduct their field work without having to await a three-day notice period, a move meant to strengthen government-NGO cooperation. **Source:** [Khmer Times](#)

### **Malaysia**

**22 November 2018:** The Malaysian Finance Minister called for stern action against the Gagasan Kuasa 3, a coalition of 53 Malay Muslim NGOs, for allegedly making false and malicious accusations against him. **Source:** [The Star](#)

## **Europe**

### **Hungary**

**16 November 2018 (DOA):** Hungarian authorities denied a team of UN rights experts access to detention centres for migrants along Hungary's southern frontier, a move that forced the experts to cut their mission short. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

## Middle-East and North Africa

### *Egypt*

**05 November 2018:** The Egyptian President signalled that he might order a review of the NGO Law, a policy introduced in May 2017 which restricts the work of NGOs, on the grounds that it needs to be balanced.

Source: [Reuters](#)

### *Jordan*

**03 November 2018:** In Rukban area, Mafraq governorate, a UN-SARC 78-truck humanitarian convoy meant to arrive on 27 October 2018 reached and delivered aid to 50,000 civilians at the Rukban refugee camp.

Sources: [BBC](#), [SARC](#) and [VOA News](#)

### *Lebanon*

**28 November 2018:** In Aarsal town, Baalbek district, Lebanese forces entered a refugee camp during what was alleged to be a standard inspection and arrested over 300 Syrian refugees. The Lebanese authorities declared that the arrests were due to expired documentation and for some of the individuals being on a 'wanted' list. Source: [ACLED](#)

### *Occupied Palestinian Territories*

**07 November 2018:** In East Jerusalem, around 300 Israeli soldiers entered the Shufat refugee camp to destroy a four-story apartment building with armoured bulldozers, claiming that it had been constructed without a building permit – which would not be a requirement in a refugee camp, but the Israeli municipality of West Jerusalem characterises the refugee camp instead as a 'town'. The building had housed twelve people. Sources: [IMEMC](#) and [al bawaba](#)

**08 November 2018:** In the West Bank, a Palestinian child was injured, and dozens of others suffered respiratory issues when Israeli forces entered and attacked Jenin refugee camp. The soldiers searched the camp and detained a young man. No further details specified. Sources: [IMEMC](#) and [ACLED](#)

**19 November 2018:** In the West Bank, violent clashes broke out at Jenin refugee camp when Israeli occupation soldiers entered and patrolled the camp with a drone flying overhead. Explosions were reported, but no further details were specified. Source: [MENA](#)

**21 November 2018:** In East Jerusalem, further buildings in the Shufat refugee camp were demolished by Israeli forces. Source: [ACLED](#)

**26 November 2018:** In the West Bank, a paramedic and resident of the Dheisheh refugee camp was killed by Israeli soldiers when his car struck an Israeli checkpoint. Israeli forces claim the attack was intentional, while camp residents claim he was not a violent person and must have lost control of his vehicle. Protests erupted across the camp following his death. Sources: [Electronic Intifada](#) and [Ma'an News](#)

**28 November 2018:** In Gaza, a large explosion of undetermined origin rocked the Bureij IDP camp, leaving at least three people injured. Source: [The Jerusalem Post](#)

### *Syrian Arab Republic*

**02 November 2018:** In al Sarman village, Idlib governorate, artillery shells allegedly fired by Syrian regime forces struck the al Sarman IDP camp, damaging tents but causing no casualties. Source: [SNHR](#)

**06 November 2018:** In Babilla town, Damascus district, regime security forces imposed strict travel and movement restrictions on Palestinian refugees who had been displaced to this town following their removal from Yarmouk refugee camp. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

**11 November 2018:** In Rukban, on the border between Jordan and Syria, an elderly woman living in the al Rukban refugee camp was shot and killed by a Jordanian border guard whilst she was gathering water. No further details specified. **Sources:** [SOHR](#) and [ACLED](#)

**15 November 2018:** In al-Sahharah town, Aleppo governorate, a doctor employed by an NGO was hit by a stray bullet and killed when small arms fire was discharged during wedding celebrations. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

**16 November 2018:** In Nab Hori village, Afrin district, Aleppo province, an IDP from eastern Ghouta who had been resettled in Afrin was found dead. No further details specified. **Source:** [ACLED](#)

**19 November 2018:** In Idlib city, district and governorate, the Syrian Salvation Government detained a project manager of the NGO Violet for unascertained reasons, prompting the NGO to suspend its food distribution activities in schools on 20 November 2018. **Source:** [Smart News Agency](#)

**29 November 2018:** In Diban town, Deir ez-Zour governorate, a local driver of an NGO was wounded and taken to hospital after unidentified armed men on three motorcycles ambushed their multi-agency convoy. **Source:** [AWSD<sup>1</sup>](#)

## *Yemen*

**07 November 2018:** In Ad Dhale governorate, repeated attacks and threats of violence against MSF employees, MSF-supported medical facilities and MSF's residence forced the organisation to suspend all medical and humanitarian activities in the entire province, affecting Al Nasr Hospital in Ad Dhale town and district, Al Salaam Primary Healthcare Centre in Qa'tabah town and district, Thee Jalal Primary Healthcare Centre in Al Azariq town and district, and Damt Primary Healthcare Centre in Damt town and district. **Source:** [MSF](#)

**07 November 2018:** In Hodeidah city, district and governorate, artillery fire from an unspecified source hit an unnamed Save the Children-supported hospital, damaging one of its pharmacies and the stored supplies of medicine within it. **Sources:** [Independent](#), [Save the Children](#) and [UNICEF](#)

**12-27 November 2018:** In Hodeidah city, district and governorate, fighting between the Saudi-led coalition and Houthi rebels caused operations at the Port of Hodeidah to drop by nearly a half within two weeks, thereby hampering anti-famine efforts in Yemen. **Source:** [Reuters](#)

**12 November 2018:** In Hodeidah city, district and governorate, Saudi-led coalition warplanes targeted the entrance of the Port of Hodeidah, shelling a key storage facility of the WFP with around 50 shots, but causing no sustainable damage to it. WFP has appealed for access to the facility, which is now under the control of the Saudi-led coalition. **Source:** [UN News](#)

## **The Americas**

### *Colombia*

**12-18 November 2018:** In San Pedro village, Sabana de Torres municipality, Santander department, unidentified perpetrators fired shots at a vehicle carrying four human rights activists, damaging it but causing no injuries. On 17 November 2018, an anonymous perpetrator placed a parcel at the door of one of the victims' house containing, amongst other items, a threatening message. **Source:** [El Espectador](#)

## Mexico

**17 November 2018:** In San Juan Tenería town, Taxco de Alarcón municipality, Guerrero state, around 20 armed men aboard vans shot at a Mexican Red Cross humanitarian convoy, killing a Red Cross paramedic and three police officers and injuring nine others, four of whom were paramedics. **Sources:** [Animal Politico](#), [Arsenal](#), [El Universal](#) and [Mexican Red Cross IAP](#)

## Venezuela

**26 November 2018:** Upon agreement with the Venezuelan government, the UN released EUR 8.1 million in emergency relief funds intended to address Venezuela's humanitarian crisis. **Source:** [DW](#)

## Aid workers killed, kidnapped and arrested (KKA) in selected countries in 2018

SiND Aid Worker KKA 2018				
	Number of reported aid workers affected (January-November 2018)			
	Killed	Kidnapped	Arrested	Total affected
Afghanistan	12	16	2	30
CAR	8	5	0	13
DRC	6	30	1	37
Iraq	0	0	1	1
Mali	1	6	1	8
Nigeria	5	3	0	8
Somalia	5	6	1	12
South Sudan	17	48	45	110
Syria	68	7	11	86
Yemen	5	14	2	21
Other countries	17	18	105	140
<b>Total affected</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>466</b>

The countries have been selected by [Reliefweb](#).

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